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The library has two Family Tree Maker CDs that cover 13 books relating to New England family histories and genealogies spanning the 1600s to the 1800s.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Volumes 1-32, which has many Bliss entries.

Both have numerous entries for the surname Bliss.

Masons. Nov. 1, 1734 Noah Carpenter, Sr., and Caleb Hall of Attleboro, in consideration of love, good will and affection which we have and do bear towards the church and congregation of the said Attleboro called by the name of the Presbyterian, have given granted, conveyed, etc. unto them, their heirs and assigns forever, that is to be understood for the special use, benefit and privilege of that society forever, a certain tract of land containing about 45 rods, where the new meetinghouse now stands, bounded by the said Carpenter's and the said Hall's lands and by the county road, etc.

The will of Noah Carpenter was dated Feb. 1, 1756. He mentions his wife Tabithy; sons Stephen, Noah, Simon and Elisha; grandsons John and Jonas, sons of Isaiah; (Jonas is called and recorded "Jonah"); daughters Priscilla Brown, Sarah Talbott, Mary Alverson, Margaret Richardson and Anna Whitaker.

39. IX. MIRIAM was b. Oct. 16, 1674; m. *Jonathan Bliss*, June 23, 1691; he was b. Sept. 14, 1666; she d. May 21, 1706; they had 12 children.

Jonathan Bliss was a man of influence, held a variety of offices and gave the land for the first Congregational church and cemetery. He is a brother to Bethiah Bliss who m. Daniel Carpenter No. 37. Jonathan Bliss was the grandson of Thomas Bliss who came from Bellstone Parish, England and was one of the first settlers of Rehoboth, Mass.

40. X. OBADIAH was b. March 12, 1677 or 1678; m. *Deliverance Preston* of Dorchester, Nov. 6, 1703. She d. June 12, 1767, aged 85 years. He d. Oct. 25, 1749, aged 73 years. His wife was b. Oct. 7, 1649, and was daughter of Deacon Daniel and Abigail (Jackson) Preston, and grand-daughter of Deacon Daniel Preston. (25)

41. XI. EPHRAIM was b. April 25, 1681, and d. young.

42. XII. EPHRAIM was b. April 25, 1683 or 1684; m. *Hannah Read*, Aug. 14, 1704 (26) or 1705. She d. Aug. 30, 1717 in her 36th year. He m. for his 2d wife widow *Martha Carpenter*, No. 70, March 24, 1719. She before marriage was Martha Ide, relict of Zachariah Carpenter, No. 70, son of Samuel. His farm lies one-half mile east of Daniel Perrin in Attleboro and is now owned by Valorus Wescott, and contains upwards of 60 acres. He d. April 20, 1743, aged 62 years. He was Lieutenant in a militia company.

43. XIII. HANNAH was b. April 10, 1684 or 1685; m. *Jonathan Chaffee*, Nov. 23, 1703.

44. XIV. ABIGAIL was b. April 15, 1687; m. *Daniel Perrin* 3d, Nov. 12, 1706. He was b. March 18, 1682. She d. Jan. 15, 1781, in her 94th year, he d. March 20, 1754 and left eight children, viz: 1, Abigail, b. Sept. 14, 1707, m. John Newman of Attleboro, Mass; 2, Susanna, b. Aug. 18, 1709, Attleboro; 3, Daniel, b. Feb. 10, 1710 or 11, m. Sarah Hunt April 8, 1736, he d. May 24, 1740; 4, David, b. Oct. 15, 1714 and d. Jan. 18, 1732; 5, Mary, b. Jan. 11, 1716, m. Noah Sabin; 6, Noah, b. March 12, 1723; 7, Lydia, b. Jan. 17, 1726, d. 1754; 8, Hannah, b. Feb. 23, 1728, m. Deacon E. Kent, she d. May 17, 1787.

COPY of a Deed from Miriam Carpenter, executrix to the will of William Carpenter No. 18, deceased, to her son, Nathaniel Carpenter No. 36:

"To all people before whom these presents shall come, Miriam Carpenter of the Town of Rehoboth, in the County of Bristol in the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, widow and relict of William Carpenter, late of the said Rehoboth, deceased, that whereas, my beloved husband, the said William Carpenter left unwilling one full quarter of a share of undivided lands in the North Purchase lands of said Rehoboth, commonly so known, now the Township of Attleboro, in the County aforesaid and throughout the land called "the mile and a half land" annexed to said Attleboro: And I, the said Miriam Carpenter being made the sole executrix by my said husband William Carpenter of his last will and Testament and said quarter and share of undivided land left in my hands. Now, know ye, that for and in consideration of

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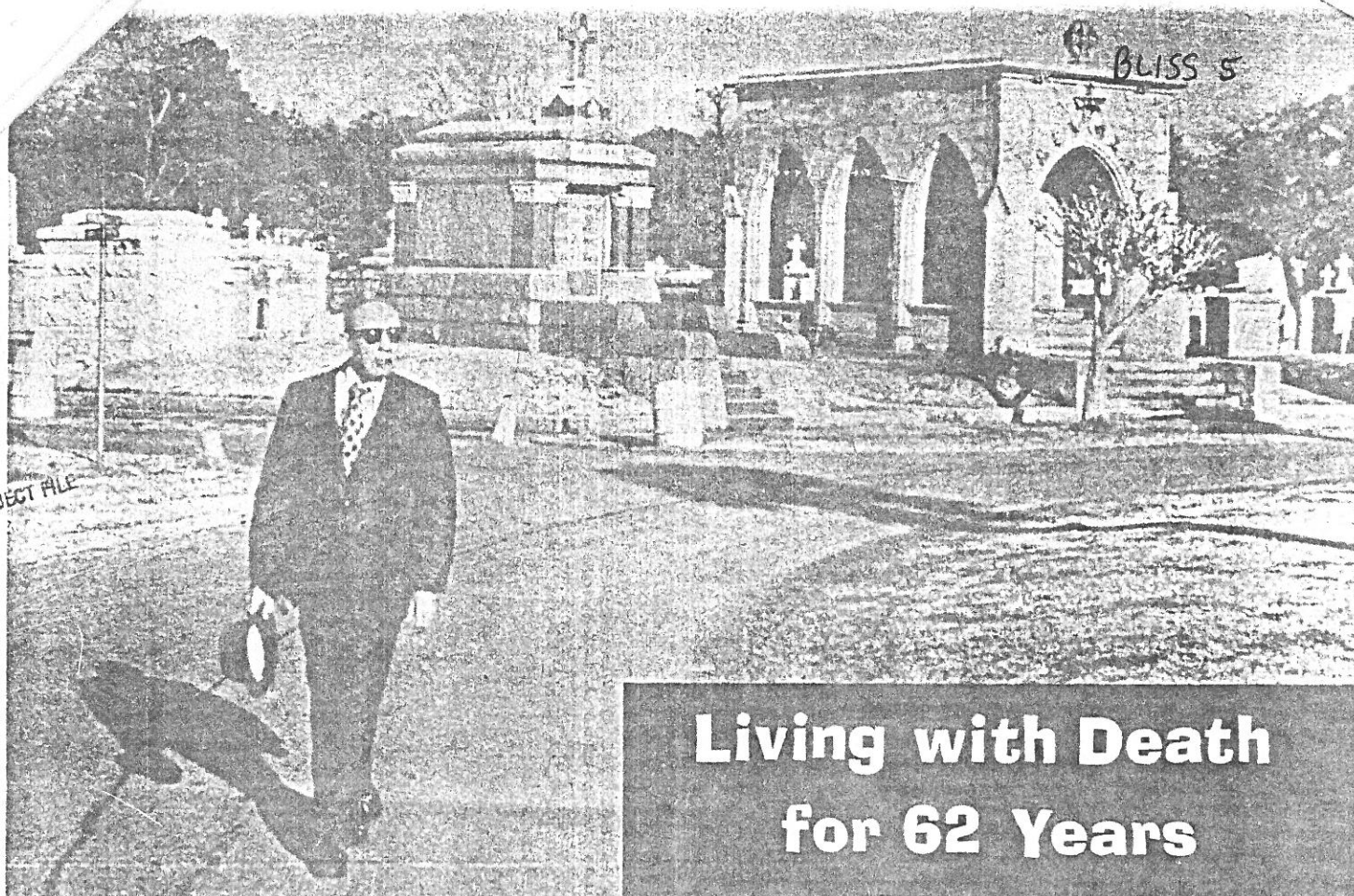
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Living with Death for 62 Years

Photo by Don Hughes

Henri Antoine Gandolfo walks down his mortuary memory lane in Metairie Cemetery, headed for the work he has done almost without interruption since a cold morning in 1915.



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HE walks with care among the impressive marble and granite monuments, reflecting silently on the wealth of history around him. The gusting wind dances sparse strands of grey hair across his forehead, and he peers from behind thick, dark glasses that shield his eyes from the glaring reflection of sunlight.

Henri Antoine Gandolfo pauses beside a gleaming, modernistic tomb that is barely four feet high and nestled among thousands of older, weathered memorials of engraved stone in the sprawling city of the dead called Metairie Cemetery. At the bottom of the tomb is the name of his brother, Louis Raphael Gandolfo, who died in 1975. At the top is an epitaph which reads "ici Repose dans la Paix du Seigneur" ("Here Rests in the Peace of the Lord"), and his own name, followed by a space left for the dates of his lifespan.

The thoughts of Henri Antoine Gandolfo drift back to an era of long ago. He recalls a cold Monday morning in New Orleans, Jan. 4, 1915. Woodrow Wilson was President; Luther E. Hall was governor of Louisiana; World War I was still to come; and an 18-year-old Crescent City lad was walking against the wintry wind to face his first day of work.

That boy was Henri Gandolfo. And today, more than 62 years later and just short of his 80th birthday, Gandolfo is still in the same business he was entering then — the cemetery memorial business.

"I'm not the least bit superstitious," said Gandolfo with a smile, as he leaned against the monument containing his own future resting place.

A life-long bachelor, Gandolfo has been involved during those 62 years in an aspect of life most people prefer to block from their thoughts: death. For more than 50 years, this devotee of opera and fine art has dealt with

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spite the statue, however, Gen. Johnston was buried in Austin, Texas. Interred in the Army of Tennessee tomb with Beauregard, however, is Col. Charles Dreux, the first Confederate line officer killed in the Civil War. He lost his life in the Battle of Newport News, Va.

Another military notable whose remains are in Metairie Cemetery is Gen. Dick Taylor, son of President Zachary Taylor. "Incidentally," said Gandolfo, "President Taylor is very seldom listed as having been elected

from Louisiana, but he was. He resided in Baton Rouge and he rode from there on horseback to get to Washington, D.C."

Continuing his list of notables, Gandolfo said, "We have governors — John M. Parker; Richard W. Leche (of the infamous Louisiana Scandals in the '30s); Gov. (William C. C.) Claiborne whose remains were brought here in a grand procession from his original burial place in the old St. Louis Cemetery Number One.

"And, oh yes," he recalls with brightening eyes, "we have Gov. Henry Clay Warmoth, who left the state house a millionaire when he was impeached in 1872. And diagonal-

ly across from his is the tomb of the Confederate Association, Army of North Virginia, in which Jefferson Davis was buried temporarily until his body was moved to Richmond."

The remains of deLesseps "Chep" Morrison and Martin Behrman, long-term mayors of New Orleans, also are interred in Metairie, as are those of Mayors T. Semmes Walmsley and Andrew McShane.

Eliza Poitevent Nicholson, the first woman editor of a major U.S. newspaper (*The Picayune*), and noted novelist Grace King are on the cemetery's rolls.

The memories of 62 years could fill volumes, but one rare happening stands out in Gandolfo's mind. It was the exhumation in 1952 of the body of Col. William W. Bliss, who was Zachary Taylor's son-in-law and his Secretary of War.

Col. Bliss, also Jefferson Davis' brother-in-law (powerful families stuck together in those days), had been buried in the old Girod Street Cemetery which was being demolished in the early '50s. He had died in 1841, some 110 years earlier. U.S. Army officials and some Bliss descendants were here to preside at the exhumation, primarily to determine they were getting the right body to transport for reburial at Fort Bliss, Texas, named in his honor.

After digging down several feet,

Gandolfo recalls, the exhumation crew's spades encountered a cast-iron Fiske coffin made in the shape and design of an Egyptian mummy case, wider at the shoulders and hips and elevated at the location of hands and feet. The heavy coffin, still sealed, was taken to a funeral home where it was opened, revealing the officer's "absolutely preserved body, marred only by a dry spot on the tip of the nose and on one of the knuckles." Identification of the corpse was made absolutely certain by taking measurements of its bone structure and taking dental impressions and comparing the results with the colonel's Army medical records.

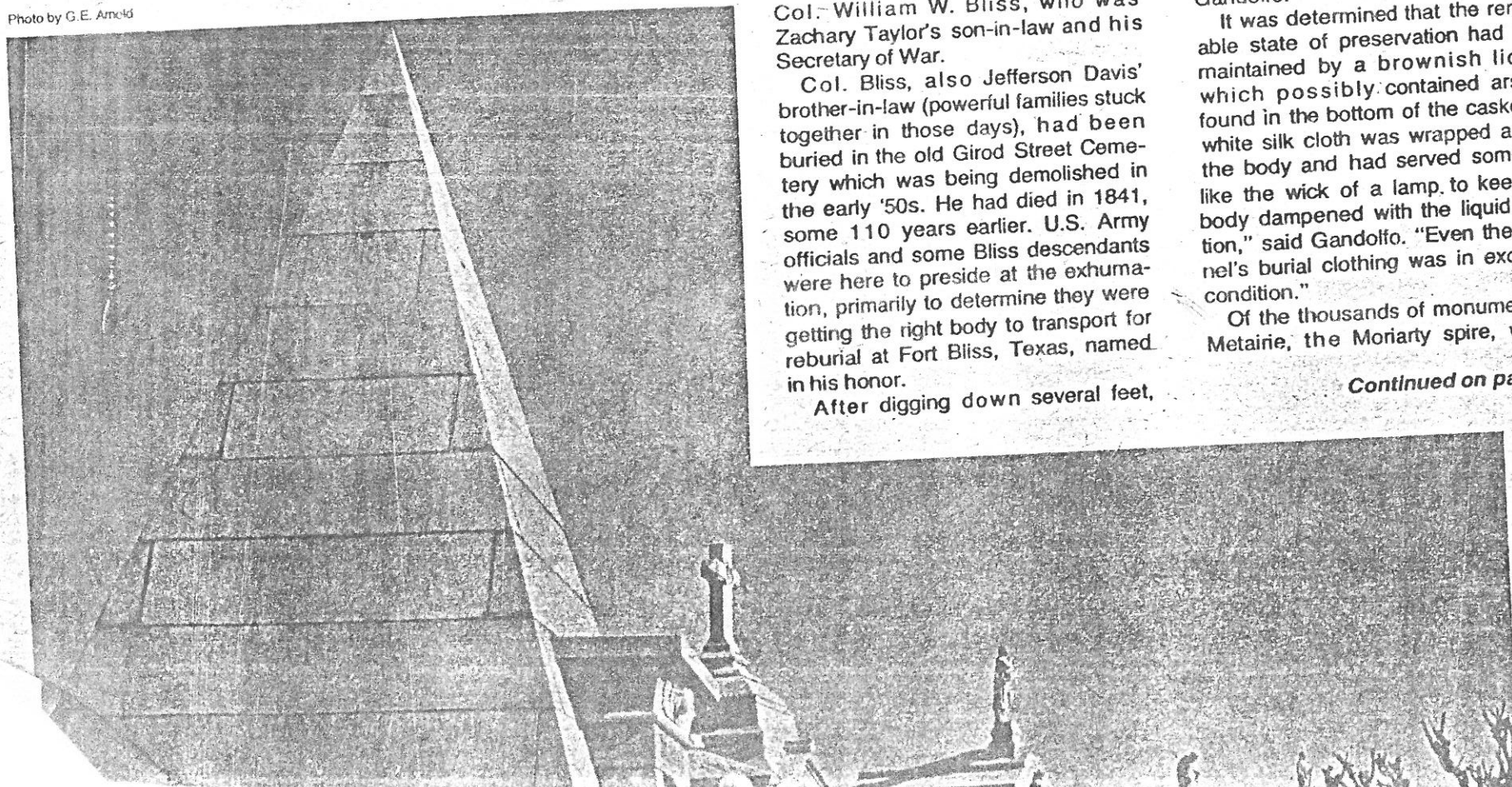
"At this point, of course, the colonel started to protest," wryly quipped Gandolfo.

It was determined that the remarkable state of preservation had been maintained by a brownish liquid, which possibly contained arsenic, found in the bottom of the casket. "A white silk cloth was wrapped around the body and had served somewhat like the wick of a lamp to keep the body dampened with the liquid solution," said Gandolfo. "Even the colonel's burial clothing was in excellent condition."

Of the thousands of monuments at Metairie, the Moriarty spire, which

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HISTORICAL REGISTER
AND
DICTIONARY
OF THE
UNITED STATES ARMY,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, SEPTEMBER 29, 1789,
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BY
FRANCIS B. HEITMAN.

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Apr 1863 to 1 Aug 1865 and col q m asst 7 May 1866 to 1 Jan 1867; bvt maj lt col and col 13 Mar 1865 for fai and mer ser dur the war; resd 30 Mar 1868; [died 30 Apr 1896.]

Bliss, Doctor Willard. N Y. Mich. Surg 3 Mich inf 13 May 1861; surg U S V 21 Sept 1861; bvt lt col and col vols 13 Mar 1865 for fai and mer ser dur the war; hon must out 8 Dec 1865; [died 21 Feb 1889.]

Bliss, Frederic E. Conn. N Y. 1 lt r q m 40 N Y inf 14 June 1861; capt c vols 9 June 1862; resd 21 Nov 1863; [died 14 Apr 1880.]

Bliss, Horace. N H. N H. Cadet M A 1 Oct 1817 (5); 2 lt 4 art 1 July 1822; 1 lt 31 Dec 1827; resd 10 June 1836; [died 7 Nov 1878.]

Bliss, John. N H. N H. Cadet M A 8 Mar 1808 (14); ens and 2 lt 2 inf 1 Mar 1811; 1 lt 20 Jan 1813 to 30 May 1814; capt a d q m g 25 Apr 1813; hon dischd 15 June 1815; [died 6 Dec 1822.]

Bliss, John. N H. N H. 1 lt 11 inf 12 Mar 1812; capt 13 May 1813; tr to 6 inf 17 May 1815; tr to 5 inf 1 June 1821; tr to 3 inf 31 Dec 1821; maj 1 inf 15 July 1831; lt col 6 inf 30 Oct 1836; bvt maj 13 May 1823 for 10 yrs fai ser in one grade; resd 6 Sept 1837; [died 22 Nov 1854.]

***Bliss, Tasker Howard.** Pa. Pa. Cadet M A 1 Sept 1871 (8); 2 lt 1 art 16 June 1875; 1 lt 1 July 1880; capt c s 20 Dec 1892; lt col a d c to lt gen Schofield 8 Feb to 29 Sept 1895; lt col chief c s vols 9 May 1898; hon dischd from vols 13 June 1899; maj c s 30 Apr 1899; brig gen vols 26 Apr 1901; hon dischd from vols 20 June 1901; brig gen U S A 21 July 1902.

Bliss, William Wallace Smith. N Y. N H. Cadet M A 1 Sept 1829 (9); bvt 2 lt 4 inf 1 July 1833; 2 lt 31 Mar 1834; 1 lt 21 Sept 1836; capt 12 July 1846 which he vacated same date; bvt capt a g 26 Oct 1839; bvt maja a g 7 July 1846; bvt maj 9 May 1846 for gal and mer con in the battles of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma Tex and lt col 23 Feb 1847 for gal and mer con in the battle of Buena Vista Mex; died 5 Aug 1853.

***Bliss, Zenos Randall.** R I. R I. Cadet M A 1 July 1850 (41); bvt 2 lt 1 inf 1 July 1854; 2 lt 8 inf 3 Mar 1855; 1 lt 17 Oct 1860; capt 14 May 1861; col 10 R I inf 26 May 1862; tr to 7 R I inf 21 Aug 1862; hon must out of vol ser 9 June 1865; maj 39 inf 6 Aug 1867; tr to 25 inf 15 Mar 1869; lt col 19 inf 4 Mar 1879; col 24 inf 20 Apr 1886; brig gen 24 Apr 1895; maj gen 14 May 1897; retd 22 May 1897; bvt maj 13 Dec 1862 for gal and mer ser in the battle of Fredericksburg Va and lt col 7 May 1864 for gal and mer ser in the battle of the Wilderness Va; awarded

medal of honor 3 Dec 1898 for ser while col 7 R I vols at the battle of Fredericksburg Va 13 Dec 1862 where to encourage men of his regt (never before in action and ordered to lie down) he rose to his feet, advanced in front of the line, and fired at enemy at short range, being exposed to their fire at the time; died 2 Jan 1900.

Bliss, Zenos E. N Y. Mich. Asst surg 3 Mich inf 13 May 1861; surg 15 Oct 1861; surg U S V 12 Sept 1862; bvt lt col vols 26 Jan 1866 for fai ser; hon must out 2 Feb 1866; [died 26 Apr 1877.]

Bliven, Charles Edward. N Y. Ohio. Capt a q m vols 23 Oct 1864; bvt maj vols 5 Mar 1866 for fai ser; hon must out 31 May 1866; [died 29 Aug 1896.]

Block, William Henry. Germany. Md. Capt asst surg vols 11 Apr 1901; hon dischd 10 Oct 1902.

Blocki, Anton. Prussia. Wis. 1 lt 9 Wis inf 17 Sept 1861; r adjt 19 Mar 1862; capt a a g vols 11 Mar 1863; resd 6 Dec 1864.

Blocksom, Augustus Perry. Ohio. Ohio. Cadet M A 1 Sept 1873 (22); 2 lt 6 cav 15 June 1877; 1 lt 15 Jan 1884; capt 10 Nov 1894; tr to 7 cav 8 Aug 1902; maj 2 cav 17 Feb 1903; bvt 1 lt 27 Feb 1890 for gal ser in action against hostile Inds at Ash Creek Ariz 7 May 1880.

Blodgett, John J. Mass. N Y. Capt a a g vols 7 Sept 1862; resd 12 Nov 1863.

Blodgett, Gains Mills. Vt. N Y. Hosp chap vols 15 July 1862; hon must out 26 July 1865.

Blodgett, Gardner Spring. Vt. Vt. Capt a q m vols 3 Aug 1861; capt a q m U S A 2 July 1864; bvt maj 13 Mar 1865 for fai and mer ser dur the war; resd 14 Oct 1865.

Blodgett, Wells H. Ill. Ill. 1 lt 37 Ill inf 1 Aug 1861; capt 1 Jan to 20 May 1863; maj j a vols 10 Mar to 14 July 1863; appt expd 24 June 1863; col 48 Mo inf 22 Nov 1864; awarded medal of honor 15 Feb 1894 for the action at Newtonia Mo 30 Sept 1862 where with a single orderly he captured an armed picket of 8 men and marched them in prisoners; hon must out 29 June 1865.

Blood, Henry Boyden. Mass. Mass. Capt a q m vols 15 Oct 1862; lt col q m asst 22 May to 15 Sept 1865; bvt maj and lt col vols 13 Mar 1865 for fai and mer ser dur the war; hon must out 9 Nov 1865.

Blood, Hozza. Ky. Ky. Hosp sur mate 6 July 1812; hosp surg 5 May 1813; hon dischd 15 June 1815; reinstd 3 May 1816 as post surg to rank from 5 May 1813; died 12 Sept 1816.

Blood, William. N Y. Ind. 2 lt 3 drgs 9 Apr 1847; hon must out 31 July 1848; [died 1 Apr 1886.]

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20 August 1987

Ms Betty Rodgers
Vice President
Jackson County Genealogical Society
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Dear Ms Rodgers,

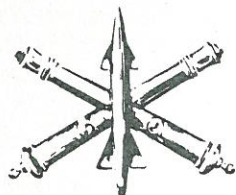
We were very pleased to receive your request for information about Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Bliss and to know that you are taking an interest in this outstanding officer. It is with some chagrin that I must report that our records contain little detailed information on the life and career of this fine officer for whom this installation is named. What we do have immediately available is contained in the biographical sketch at Enclosure 1 to this letter.

I wish to thank you, Ms Rodgers, for bringing this shortcoming to our attention. Your letter has prompted the Museum staff to begin assembling a biographical file on LTC Bliss. This file will include a copy of his official military records, as well as other pertinent documents we may uncover. I will be happy to forward extracts from his records when they arrive. Until then, I hope the biographical sketch I have enclosed will be of some use to you.

Sincerely,

Enclosure:
a/s


JAMES R. BOLLINGER
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Marriage Bonds of Mason County, Ky.

John Bliss and Jane Mc Sigvett 31 Dec. 1834

John Green bondsman

David Vanderpo (?) (father-in-law to Jane)

Stephen V. Bliss and Susan J. Sidwell

md. 27 Nov at Mrs. Nancy Sidwells

26 Nov 1855. H. C. Halton, Kimrod Robinson

Thomas Daulton Witnesses

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The people named HENRY that lived on the VILLA ADA place I think died with Yellow Fever. They lived where Ingalls Shipyard is now on the south end. They were buried in line with the wood office toward the river. I worked 1 1/2 years about 100 yards from where their graves were. I passed them every day. There were two graves of Mr. & Mrs. Henry with a picket fence around them. Their names were on them. This was when the first steel ship was built by International Shipbuilding Co.

Mr. HENRY'S name was said to be BERT. A negro man always met these people at the depot in a wagon with fringe around the top. On Sunday afternoon the ladies rode horses in their riding habits and derbys.

The HENRY'S donated the bell that was on top of the O.L.V. Church. In 1971 J.E. Krebs removed this bell. It is now stored under the church. On it was wrote in Latin "ADA HENRY in gratitude donates this bell to the Catholic Church of Scranton." Ada Henry Ecclesiae Catholicae de Scranton Hanc Campanam Grato animo Donavit. BUCKEYE BELL FOUNDRY 1883 - Vanduezn & Tiff Cincinnati

Could "VILLA ADA" have been named for "ADA" Henry?

Mr. E. H. Bacot has a picture of the HENRY house. Irving P. Delmas later built a Canning Factory on the HENRY property. They canned a lot of Oysters. On the left side of Ingalls Ave. they had little shacks for the Oyster shuckers to live. When the season was over they all left town on special trains that had brought them from Baltimore, Md. They also worked at Biloxi and Pass Christian. Some of these people remained to live in Pascagoula. The families of Mr. & Mrs. Tug Olsen and Mr. & Mrs. John Loris stayed!

There was a home at the main gate where Ingalls is now. During WW I. Then it was torn down. Mr. Wash Frederic lived here first. Lee Beckham's family and Charlie Richard's family lived here. Mr. Wash Frederic built this house.

A Mr. Bush started a dairy here and had a negro that worked for him. This negro went by the name of Bush too. Mr Bush died here and his wife left here. The negro Bush and his wife died here too. The negro Bush worked at the Power Co. with me after Mr. Bush died.

The A. D. Krebs house was older than the Frederic house. It was moved from the river front to Canty St. during WW I. This house is still standing. He was the Mayor. Mrs Jim Pelham was one of his daughters.

By J. B. Gentile

Irving P. Delmas and his brother A. G. Delmas built a Canning Factory on the HENRY property on the river front. They canned oysters, shrimp and figs.

The house where the shuckers lived ran North and South and were about 75' to 100' long. About 20 families lived in these houses. Joe Wagner was crew cheif and brought the people to Pascagoula from Baltimore. They were called Bohemians. They came at the request of Delmas Bros. They also went to Biloxi after canning season was over here. Mrs. John Loris' mother and father, Mrs. W. Guy Krebs' (Sophia) mother and father Mr. & Mrs Joe Dumbraski came. I.P. Delmas family lived in the HENRY home about four yrs. and Tack Krebs fired the boilers in the factory, he lived with the Delmas family. The BOURGE family built a home next to the HENRY home. They left and Herbert Krebs moved into this house.

The BOURGE home is the oldest home. It is now on Canty St. having been moved there. It is now occupied by Syd. Spratley family.

A. D. Krebs had 3 daughters and 1 son. Tommy died in his teens.

The first P.O. was at the foot of Delmas Ave. where Olivia Sward used to live. Torjusen home was built directly behind where old river ice house is. Mail was carried to Mobile on horse back. At one time Joe Delmas rode on horse back to take mail to Mobile.

First repair work on O.L.V. Church was done by a man named Isodore Dupont. I was about 6 years old then.

One of the first doctors in town was Dr. Cox and Dr. Evans. Dr. Cox was Zoe Belle's father.

The first dentist was Dr. Uhlmer. I was about 9 yrs. old when he filled my front tooth. It took two hours to hammer gold filling in.

Chris Neilson had a dry goods store on Pas. St. His daughter Dora married Pedro Jane'.

By Lee Delmas

There is an "Old Gateway Arch" on the west margin of Pascagoula Street about a block south of Junior High and opposite the Clinic. You probably have noticed it and wondered. Well, its history makes a nice little story.

Not long after the Civil War, a wealthy gentleman of New Orleans, whose name we are not so sure of, having visions of an ideal "estste" in the "wild Pascagoula Country," chose an extensive and desirable frontage on the river, not far from the mouth. The property embraced all of the land now occupied by the East Bank Shipyard Facility and extended back to the old sandy Beach Road, now Pascagoula Street. As best we can judge by accounts given by our elders, who were living in those days, the development must have begun in the late 1860's or early '70's.

The frontage on the Beach Road was fenced with five-foot wire-woven lath fencing, beginning at a point near the present Ford Avenue and extending to Ingalls Avenue. The lateral fences, north and south, were built of "light 'erd" posts and barbed wire, running from Pascagoula Street to the banks of the river.

We were told how the whole expanse of the vast enclosure had been landscaped artistically by experts from the "City" (New Orleans) and how a beautiful avenue, lined with trees and shrubs, led from the "Arched Gateway" fields, orchards, vineyards, and flower gardens, and over the little bayou, spanned by an attractive bridge, and then to a palatial "Longfellow-House" type home on the river front. This is the bayou which now runs through the the shipyard and was crossed about a hundred yards north of the present shipyard crossing. There were horses, cows, a stable, and chicken yards under the large oaks; and on the bank were a wharf and an old-time bathhouse. The grounds around the "Casa Granda" were covered with flower beds flowering shrubs.

Alas, sometime back in the early days, fortunes changed, as fortunes do; the property progressively changed hands, as indicated by the various names by which it was called; as, "The Bourge Place" and the "Henry Place." Sooner or later the place was stripped of its beauties by woods fires, hurricanes, marauders and finally taken over by sedge grass, bushes, and pine saplings. The bayou bridge lasted till 1906 and the "Big House" was enjoyed by various families through the years. A Mr Bush operated a dairy there for several years; and the Irving Delmas family lived there during the years that Mr. Delmas managed a seafood packing plant which the Delmas Brothers had built on the river bank. In 1917 the river-front back to the bayou was acquired by the International Shipbuilding Corporation, and Big House was converted to the main office building.

Near the gate was the small gate-keeper's home, which was later renovated and enlarged, and is now the home of Mrs. Stella Veilon Mansfield.

The magnificent spread was much like the old Roman Villas, which Caesar, Cicero, Cassius, and other wealthy Romans enjoyed; in fact, the superscription on the arch "VILLA ADA," legible until about 1900, ~~before the name~~ honored the lady who was the heart of the vanished dream, the last vestage of which is the "Old Faded Archway."

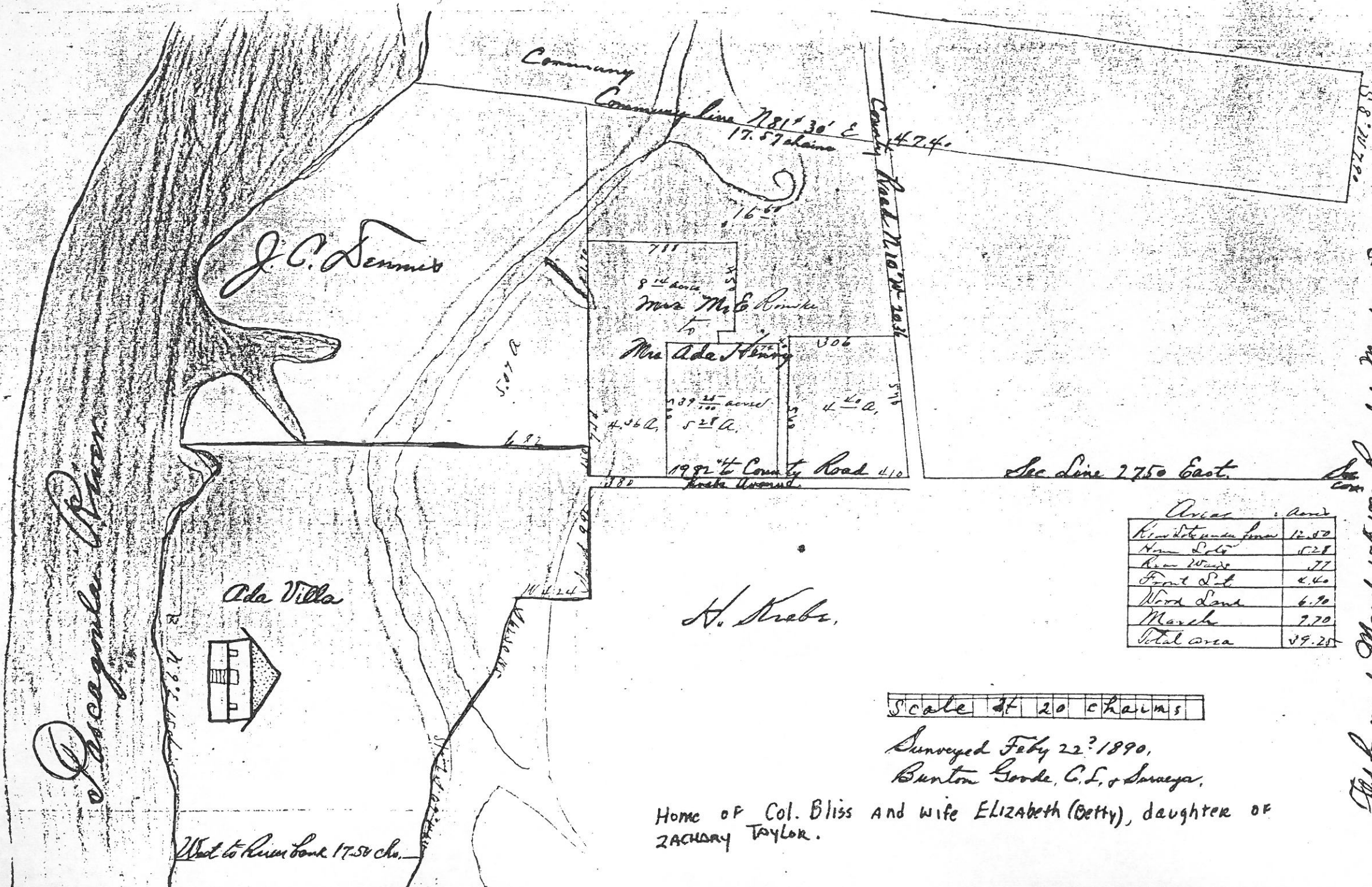
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Areas	Acres
Rem. to river bank	12.80
Home Lot	15.28
River Woods	77
Front Lot	4.40
Wood Land	6.90
Marsh	2.70
Total area	139.20

H. Krebs,

Scale of 20 chains

Surveyed Feb'y 22nd 1890,
Benton Goode, C.E., & Sawyer,

Home of Col. Bliss and wife Elizabeth (Betty), daughter of
ZACHARY TAYLOR.

This for record March 15th 1890. Recorded March 22nd 1890
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